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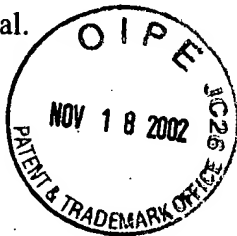
In re application of Brouk, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 1001 with the following replacement paragraph:

[1001] The present application claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/278,440, entitled, "System and Method for Routing Messages Between Applications," filed March 26, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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